

LESSON 130

THE WORLD

The Golden Dawn version of this card departs slightly from the traditional Marseilles version of this card which showed a figure inside a wreath which some esoteric designers have shown to be three sets of 22 leaves, representing the totality of the Hebrew Alphabet and its representations acting through the Supernal. The main difference here between these designs and the Golden Dawn version is the level of operation from which the card works through, and this does not only refer to the level of consciousness but to the Kabbalistic world it is associated. The Golden Dawn has firmly anchored the main meaning of this card in Assiah, and as its framework, the material universe.

The Mathers description of this card from the 1-10 Grade of Zelator is: 'Within the oval formed of the 72 circles, is a female form, nude save for the scarf that floats around her. She is crowned with the Lunar Crescent of ISIS, and holds in her hands, two wands. Her legs form a cross. She is the Bride of the Apocalypse, the Kabbalistic Queen of the Canticles, the Egyptian ISIS or Great Feminine Kerubic Angel SANDALPHON on the left hand of the Mercy Seat of the ARK. The Wands are the directing forces of the positive and negative currents. The Seven Pointed Heptagram or Star alludes to the Seven Palaces of Assiah; the crossed legs to the symbol of the Four Letters of the Name. The surmounting crescent receives alike the influences of Geburah and Gedulah. She is the synthesis of the 32 Ptah, uniting Malkuth to Yesod.'

'The oval of the SCHEMHAMPORESCH, or Seventy-two fold name of the Diety. The twelve larger circles form the Zodiac. At the angles are the Four KERUBIM which are the vivified powers of the letters of the Name YOD HEH VAU HEH operating in the Elements.'

The card shows on the surface the blueprint of the world of Assiah, the Material World and the Seven levels of Assiah. The winged Kerubic emblems also relate to the four levels of the Kabbalistic Soul (Nephesch, Ruach, Neshamah and Chiah) with the Yechidah being symbolised by the central figure. This is the macrocosmic expression of the microcosm which composes the Universe, as we understand it. The central oval is also shaped like zero which in turn relates to the numerical value of the Fool which is the Alpha et Omega. Both cards start and end here, for in this card we find the beginnings started in the Fool which therefore completes the cycle. Under the old Golden Dawn associa-

tion both Earth and Saturn were applied here but now it is just Saturn as the Earth element is adequately catered for in the Court Cards.

The title of this card is the 'The Great One of the Night of Time'. This refers to the Spirit of the Universe manifested in materialistic terms, it is the latent force of the Universe as seen from the World.

The colouring of this card has the entire backdrop in the Light Indigo of the King Scale with the figure in the centre in its complementary translucent colour and shown in outline form only. The 12 major circles are in the Chocolate Brown of the Queen Scale with the outlines in its complementary colours. The 72 smaller circles are in the Brownish Grey of the Prince Scale with the outlines in its complementary colour. The four figures at each corner are in the Greyish Brown rayed Blue of the Princess Scale with the outlines in the complementary colour.

The psychological nature of this card is very complex. Some have considered that the oval relates to the egg from which the new birth will occur. The personal nature of the card however is a very different matter. The individual here has a great deal of energy that has been limited to work through preset structure. This type of hardship or handicap is placed on the individual so that he or she can work through to their full potential through limitations. This of course will require you to lose your negativity and work through an entirely different viewpoint to what one has been previously accustomed to. This is the card of discipline of the mind so that greater expansion and awareness can develop at a later stage. Everything will have to be examined in the microcosm. The tensions developing due to this restriction are intended to force the individual to reach new depths and insights. For the person who has built a wall around himself one has to contend with the material, only the things that one can see one will believe. Pressure is also a key word applied here as well for it is pressure that is needed to create the mental discipline one needs.

In alchemy this card stands for the Projection of the Stone. This is the state where the Stone is almost weightless and translucent. The translucent quality of the figure shows this, as does the four Kerubics in the corner show the stabilised concept of the Stone, while the Zodiac Spheres around it shows that the Stone itself has transformed the elements to take the properties of the stars themselves.

The numerology associated to this card is 21. This number reduces to 3 and 2+1; these are complete sets of units as the trumps it is linked to verify. 2(return) + 1(to beginning) =

3(unity). The number 21 is also the same value as AHIM, the God name of Kether and relates to existence. This is the top part of the Tree that equates with the bottom, just as Malloth is the Kether of another Tree.

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## DIVINATION

ON MATTERS OF Selfhood; Self Projection; new ideas; new beginnings; reactions to outside stimuli; the life force; first encounters:

The results of new beginning realised, resolutions made. You must take responsibility for yourself, face up to immediate facts and realise the results of your actions. The World shows that one is on the path to understanding and development of self awareness. It advises patience and cautiousness and shows a need for a person (or nation) to become something or somebody. Physical changes or appearances take place for the better, however one must be fervent in any endeavour to make physical change. The main concern for the World in this position is individual - ones identity. Although there is initial restriction (matter), objectives are reached, responsibility developed. For the evolved one has attained.

ON MATTERS OF possessions and personal attitude towards such; personal estate and resources both physical and material; principles and feelings; management and projection; commerce, personal, commercial, governmental and national financial affairs directly relating to the self:

In this position the key impetus for the World is administrative intelligence. Results are achieved under the above matters; a sense of permanence and success is attained. Although premeditative, the results are productive, material accomplishment. Active involvement in the material world is due to a strong urge to improve the financial situation - alot of hard work in building up a business or ones skills, new skills are required and resources accumulated. Therefore, the World is truly a fortunate card in this position, representing consolidation and applied intelligence.

ON MATTERS OF short journeys; communications; relationships; brothers, sisters, neighbours; humour; identity; early education; books; correspondence; enlarging ones field of activity:

Loose ends in relationships under the above matters are tied up, a change of pace and place are depicted. Educational, writing, research or teaching plans are structured, forming a deepening sense of security through knowledge. This is the beginning of inner exploration; your path is of your own making. Communication efforts must be clear and concise if you want to be understood, however this card generally shows someone very adept at their own language and perhaps also other languages. Concerning travel, movement is limited to conventional means and fulfillment of responsibilities. Book everything in advance and then be sure to get confirmation.

ON MATTERS OF the end of one stage and the commencement of another; the home and private life; buildings; land; parents; security; emotions; significant shifts in lifes directions; concerning the soul; the occult in its practical terms; divination:

A very stable situation is depicted here for this card. Everything will synthesize according to plan, this is a time where a cycle ends and results are shown thereof. If the results are progressive you will go on to new beginnings; if the result is regressive you will return to the beginning and will have to repeat that Karmic lesson. This card also shows one getting down to the basics of survival, a solid environment, stable up-bringing. There is material structure; building, cropping, creating with ones hands. Concerning the soul - great possession is indicated. Concerning land, the omnipotence of nature is experienced.

ON MATTERS OF love given; creativity of selfhood; the creative will; children; entertainment; recreation; speculation; sports; the arts; gambling; fulfilling potentiality:

Here life is experienced in its basic form; celebrations and all things natural to a physical/material environment. For those in artistic or sporting activities a prize/reward is given. The World shows growth and a full cycle; the development of strength and endurance, disciplined creativity and intensity. There is an immense store of possibility in all of the above matters. In romance and love, spontaneity. Concerning children, this card shows fertility, procreation and the cycle of growth on all levels. The youth of today is our future and the World advises encouragement of the growth of todays youth. In speculation etc., you can expect to enjoy a piece of the cake.

ON MATTERS OF sickness; employment; employees; relationships within the work environment; conflicts; service; ones sense of

service; the acquiring of skills; psychology:

Matters are now finished and you may step abruptly into a new situation, however everything goes according to plan; time is on your side. If negatively aspected there is a delay and restriction. The World shows organisation and matters stabilising. In general in all areas of ones working environment you can expect success. Concerning health problems - these are balanced up; the body expels toxins and purifies itself, however, expect sickness, diarrhea or skin blemishes during this phase as this is the only way the body knows to expel its poisons. This is called a healing crisis. Exercise and a healthy diet is advised to aid this type of purification

ON MATTERS OF marriage and divorce; contracts; the other party; competitors, adversaries, and known enemies; partnerships; public relationships; social interaction; the law of compensation; what is lacking; the workings of karma:

The World under the above matters represents help and encouragement; a union; success is won expect the good with the bad and any decisions taken will be of personal choice. In business there is consolidation and firmly established business relationships. It shows a stunning sense of responsibility towards personal relationships and in this area of life a threshold is crossed. Divorce is not common to this card, moreover it represents entering into a wider area of public and social participation. Karmic responsibilities weigh heavily, however a light is seen at the end of the tunnel.

ON MATTERS OF death and rebirth; accidents; effects of others; crime and retribution; legacies; wills; others estates and finances; joint resources; moods; sex; spiritualism; rejuvenation; mysticism; transformation; psychotherapy:

The World shows an emphasis of life under the above matters, such as an increase of finance; deeper energies - feelings awakened; more control or restriction by others in business, estates etc. A partner becomes larger than life in ones affairs and their influence over such. There is however, an appreciation to sharing and there is no fear of letting go or merging with another; all show progress. Some refer to this card as death, however, it merely means the death of a phase, perhaps a persona - the separate self - then a merging with another, something else or a greater whole. It also shows traversing into an unknown realm. Negatively aspected there are delays, though one can be assured of monetary (or other) recompense. The World advises you to open yourself to the reality of the unseen world. Some may

experience a rebirth.

ON MATTERS OF religion; metaphysics; philosophy; higher study and education; legal systems; morals; institutions of learning; long distance travel; exploration; public communications; the collective mind:

The World in this position shows an assimilation of experiences, thus relating them to the here and now of ones ideals and philosophies. In legal matters there will be a worthy witness though time will be restricted. This card represents cosmic consciousness - the ultimate reality. In education and religion there is a need to find an answer, some breakaway from conventional religion and education and seek the unorthodox; others are the backbone of the "system". In travel, this card alludes to the wanderer, of mind or body - with no purpose, or perhaps there is purpose! Restrictions are encountered, however, for the material world defies escape. Do not plan so much, let your future just happen. This is where you may reap the most rewards.

ON MATTERS OF public honour; status; ambitions and goals reached, achievements; profession; the other parent; causes for disgrace; recognition; identity:

Power is in the people not the ruler, so such a persons success depends entirely on what support he is given. The World shows that a clarification of an entire matter takes place and what is seen as a result depends entirely on past actions. However in most cases there is complete achievement, but nothing is attained without effort, also what is success is generally judged purely by an individual's values! Rules are said to be adhered to but the World transcends the boundaries of these rules and some may think to be above them; nevertheless they will have to face their dues in the end, like everyone else. Positively aspected this card depicts great success here.

ON MATTERS OF friends; income; social alliances; legislation; ones attitude; group activities; government, counsellors; love received; spiritual and intellectual aspirations; ideals; fulfilment; what you yield and how you benefit others:

There is a perfect balancing of energies when the World is in this position. Ideals are greater than our own as they become town/country/universal-wide. However with this greater whole there is individualism to realise what they have or have not achieved. Objectives must be thought through and made realistic. Associations with false friends are finished - what is good

remains. A close friend may leave for a while but will return. This card bodes good for income. There is an urge to become more than you presently are - don't hold back, get up and do it. Don't crawl back to what offers security, as everything is transient.

ON MATTERS OF responsibility and contribution to others; humanistic concerns; karmic debts; unresolved problems; hidden resources; the unconscious; sorrow; health afflictions; secret enemies; hospitals; secret societies; self undoing; total identification:

A confrontation of Karma is experienced here; You can expect a breakthrough, an important transition in your life occurs. There is an initial period of confusion; do not despair, withdraw inward and reach for this inner strength until the time is right. If a change is not made and you hold on to old structures circumstances, no matter how traumatic, may force a change. This is a good time to be alone for study and contemplation. Health should be good unless this card is ill-aspected. Rebirthing is favourable. Duty and responsibility must be accepted if involved with other people; don't be afraid to give thyself. Support of caring agencies should be sought by the needy - those in not such a desperate state should give help to other such causes, for the World is a card of Humanity where ones health and wealth depend on the health and wealth of the masses. "Time smiles and whets its knife".

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MEDITATION ON THE WORLD:

Let the Student first study the overall picture of the card, then study each detail: Each symbol and image. Study the colours. Now let the Student look at the card and feel its vibrations. Write down your overall impression.

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#### exercise

Now paint this card with the above described colours. An outlined drawing is supplied with this lesson.

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